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STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my duty to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District for 1960. My appointment as Medical Officer of Health (a joint one with the Borough of Chatham and the City of Rochester) dates from 17th April, 1959 so that the period under review covers the first full year of my service with your Authority.

Certain matters dealt with in the body of the report but which appear to me to warrant special attention are as follows:-

POPULATION

The Registrar General's estimate for 1960 was 27,330 being an increase of 840 over the previous year. (Census April, 1961 showed the total figure to be 28,745).

NATURAL INCREASE OF POPULATION

The number of births in 1960 exceeded deaths by 263.

BIRTH RATE

The Birth Rate per 1000 of the population was 18.10 (comparability factor .97 applied).

The tendency for the Rural District to have a higher birth rate than the national average for England and Wales (1960 - 17.10) has been maintained.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

There were 17 illegitimate births in the Rural District this being 3⅓% of the total births.

DEATH RATE

The total number of persons normally resident in the area dying was 247.

The Death Rate for 1960 was 10.12 (comparability factor of 1.12 applied), being higher than the rate for 1959 of 9.08. However, it still remains below the national average for England and Wales of 11.5 per 1000 of the population.

INFANT MORTALITY

The Death Rate for infants under one year of age was 9.8 per 1000 live births. This exceedingly low figure is probably fortuitous as the average for the previous 5 years was 15.16. The rate for England and Wales in 1960 was 21.9 . The total number of children dying under one year of age in the Rural District was 5 but of these 4 died within 1 week of birth.

There were no deaths during the first year of life of illegitimate infants.

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

Deaths of persons over 70 years of age accounted for 53.10% of all deaths and of this figure 27.16% or just over half were 80 years or over.

CAUSES OF DEATH

(1) Degenerative disease of heart and arteries was responsible for 47.7% of the total deaths.

(2) Cancer — Of 33 male deaths from Cancer, 9 were due to Cancer of the Lung.
Of 29 female deaths from Cancer, 3 were due to Cancer of the Lung and 13 from Cancer of the Reproductive Organs.

(3) Bronchitis — 10 deaths, 7 being male and 3 female.

(4) Tuberculosis — 2 deaths were certified as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

(5) Pregnancy — One death resulting from shock associated with total inversion of the uterus in a woman aged 30 years.

(6) Accidents — 11 deaths in people normally resident in the area were due to accidents of all kinds, of this number 2 were the result of motor accidents.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Dysentery was prevalent generally in the Medway Towns during the Spring and in the area of the Rural District the outbreak was centred on the village of Hoo where 29 notifications were received, mainly school children from the same school. There were 6 additional notifications of dysentery from other parishes but all were unconnected cases.

There were 7 new notifications of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 2 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The Tuberculosis Register showed a total of 165 cases on 31st December, 1960, an increase of 5 over the total at the same date of last year.

There were a total of 9 new notifications over the year so it can safely be predicted that Tuberculosis while never likely to resume its former position as a major threat to Public Health will figure in these annual reports for some decades to come.

HOUSING

The end of the year (1960) was co-terminous with the ending of the Council's 5-year programme of clearing unfit properties in their area.

Of a total of 232 properties considered as unsuitable for human habitation in 1955:-

144 have been demolished,
51 are still standing but are unoccupied and covered by Orders or undertakings (not to be used for human habitation),
3 have been put in order and made fit for human habitation,
16 are still occupied but are covered by Orders or Undertakings,
18 remain to be inspected (16 are occupied, 2 unoccupied).

There is little doubt but that the programme would have been completed had alternative accommodation been available in the immediate neighbourhood as necessary, for some of the older people much prefer to continue living in unfit homes in the village they have known all their life than move to modern accommodation in another district.

The desire to preserve independence in familiar surroundings sometimes results in old people continuing to live, quite uncomplainingly, in circumstances of considerable physical discomfort; photographs of a typical case are shown on pages 16 to 19.

It may be, however, that some old people having lived through past eras of poverty and hardship exercise greater restraint than subsequent generations in presenting their needs to the proper quarter.

CARE OF THE AGED AND INFIRM

From time to time old or infirm people usually living alone are found in conditions of gross neglect usually when illness supervenes (see pages 14 and 15). No organisation exists in the area of the Rural District to detect such people at a stage when rehabilitation might be possible and usually when the local Health Department becomes aware of their existence the urgency of the situation permits only of a salvage operation.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

The maintenance of a satisfactory standard of hygiene in the area of the Rural District is the main task of the Council's Health Section.

There is constant routine supervision of all food preparing premises, canteens, etc.; supervision of caravan sites; inspection of unfit properties; insect, mosquito and rodent control, so far as staffing permits.

A very considerably amount of time - possibly the major activity of the Public Health Inspectorate - is following up and investigating complaints from the public.

No routine supervision is possible of that section of the Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956 which makes the Council responsible for supervision of sanitary provisions for workers in the fields.

The decision of the Council to increase the establishment of the Public Health Inspectorate by one additional Public Health Inspector in the next financial year should permit a more positive approach to further improvement of hygiene measures in the area.

There will always remain a large number of properties in the district on cesspool drainage at present estimated at 3,477 out of a total of 8,716.

However, it should be possible in the near future, to eliminate all pail closets and privies, bring main water supplies to every individual house and keep under close supervision the 18 properties known to rely on well water or roof catchment who are well outside the main supply circuit.

Yours respectfully,

L.F. McWILLIAMS

Medical Officer of Health

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF AREA

VITAL STATISTICS

	1960
Area of district	48,541 acres
Estimated mid year Resident Population	27,330 (Census 1961, 28,745)
Number of inhabited houses	8,716
Rateable value at 1st April, 1961	£700,373
1st April, 1960	£674,647
1st April, 1959	£1,169,759
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April, 1961	£2,961
1st April, 1960	£2,828
1st April, 1959	£2,214
Births	510
Birth rate (after comparability factor has been applied)	18.10
Rate for England and Wales	17.10
Deaths	247
Death rate (after comparability factor has been applied)	10.12
Rate for England and Wales	11.5
Infantile Mortality rate	9.8
Rate for England and Wales	21.9

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Alpha Cement Company, Cliffe	.....	Cement
Associated Portland Cement Mfrs. Ltd., Frindsbury Extra	.....	Cement
Atlas Stone Company, Shorne	.....	Artificial stone.
Berry Wiggins & Co. Limited, Hoo	.....	Oil refinery
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Limited, Isle of Grain	.....	Oil refinery
British Basket & Besto Co. Ltd., Cuxton	.....	Basket making
British Uralite Limited, Higham	.....	Asbestos cement
Leeming & Co. (Cobham) Limited, Cobham	.....	Paints & Varnishes
London & Rochester Trading Company, Frindsbury Extra	....	Tarpauling & sails; barge repairs
Medway Buildings & Supplies Limited, Frindsbury Extra	.....	Timber buildings
Rugby Portland Cement Company, Halling	.....	Cement
Segas Works, Isle of Grain	.....	Gas from oil
Waller Engineering Limited, Harvel, Meopham	.....	Light Engineering

CAUSES OF DEATH

(from General Register Office, Somerset House, W.C.2.)

	M	F
Tuberculosis - respiratory	2	-
Cancer - stomach	4	5
Cancer - lung, bronchus	9	3
Cancer - breast	-	7
Cancer - uterus	-	6
Other cancers	20	7
Leukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	16	12
Heart disease - angina	36	11
Blood pressure with heart disease	3	1
Other heart disease	18	14
Other circulatory disease	2	5
Pneumonia	6	6
Bronchitis	7	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1
Prostate disease	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
Congenital malformation	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	11
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	4	5
Suicide	2	-
Homicide	1	-
	146	101

ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1960

(as notified from Registrar's Office, Guildhall, Rochester)

PARISH	AGE GROUPS						
	0-10	11-20	21-40	41-60	61-70	71-80	80-100
Allhallows	-	-	-	7	2	-	-
Cliffe	-	-	1	3	5	10	11
Cobham	-	-	-	1	2	-	6
Cooling	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	1	2	-	4
Frindsbury	3	-	2	7	10	10	4
Halling	-	-	-	3	6	7	5
Higham	-	-	1	5	-	4	9
High Halstow	1	-	-	1	1	2	1
Hoo	1	-	2	10	8	12	5
Isle of Grain	-	-	2	1	-	1	1
Luddesdown	-	-	-	3	1	1	-
Meopham	1	-	3	5	5	10	14
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	-	3	-	4	4
Stoke	-	-	-	3	1	1	2
TOTALS	6	-	12	53	43	63	66
Percentage of total deaths	2.47%	-	4.93%	21.81%	17.69%	25.94%	27.16%

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuberculosis		Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary						
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1
Cliffe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Frindsbury	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Halling	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
Higham	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Hoo	1	-	-	3	29	1	2	1
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meopham	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Shorne	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	7	2	2	5	35	1	8	6

TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on the Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st December, 1960

	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of the year.....	61	58	119	21	20	41	160
(b) No. of Cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.....	4	3	7	-	2	2	9
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register.	1	2	3	-	-	-	3
(d) Other additions during the year.....	10	8	18	-	1	1	19
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year.....	16	7	23	-	3	3	26
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year.....	60	64	124	21	20	41	165

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

(The scheme for promoting Immunisation and Vaccination is a responsibility of the Kent County Council)

The following table shows the number of persons who were vaccinated against Smallpox or immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough during 1960

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Re-vaccination	Primary
1960	197	2	119	-	197
1959	266	1	178	-	206
1958	28	3	15	1	13
1957	14	4	9	-	10
1956	5	16	2	-	5
1955	6	134	2	-	4
1954	2	51	-	-	2
1953	2	13	-	-	-
1952	1	13	-	-	-
1951	3	7	1	1	2
1950	1	7	-	1	1
1949	1	4	1	-	-
1948	-	1	-	1	-
1947	1	3	-	1	-
1946	-	-	-	-	-
Before 1946	1	-	-	4	-
Total	528	359	327	9	440

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The following table shows the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1960 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that, (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1946)

Year of Birth	Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1956 - 1960	1954 or earlier
1946	154	211
1947	224	190
1948	158	225
1949	97	344
1950	127	273
1951	231	161
1952	193	171
1953	160	181
1954	218	169
1955	334	14
1956	293	---
1957	274	---
1958	319	---
1959	218	---
1960	199	---
Total	3199	1939

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The following table gives the numbers of persons resident in the Strood Rural District who received injections against Poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December,1960:-

Year of Birth	Given two injections	Given third injection
1960	101	4
1959	283	177
1958	47	174
1957	13	69
1956	13	58
1955	8	55
1954	15	55
1953	8	45
1952	8	49
1951	3	38
1950	1	35
1949	8	29
1948	5	31
1947	3	49
1946	17	66
1945	18	70
1944	3	40
1943	3	53
1933-1942	204	829
Before 1933	1258	418
OTHERS	61	143
TOTALS	2080	2487

VENEREAL DISEASES

Abstract from Annual Return 1960

New Cases	Male	Female	Total
Syphilis.....	1	-	1
Gonorrhoea.....	6	2	8
Non-Venereal.....	27	1	28
Total number of attendances.....			182

WATER SUPPLIES

At the request of Ministry of Health Circular 1/61 the following comments are recorded:-

All parishes except that of Halling are provided with a public water supply operated by the Medway Water Board. Halling parish is supplied by the Mid Kent Water Company.

The water has been satisfactory in quantity to meet the needs of resident domestic population and, as the 43 bacteriological and 5 chemical samples (see appendix pages 33-37)taken during the year have shown, in quality. Supplied from wells both within and outside the Rural District the hardness of the water ranges between 240 and 372 parts per million.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

The table below shows details of supply to dwelling houses in each parish of the Rural District.

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses with indoor water supply	No. of Houses with stand-pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on Private supply wells and springs
Allhallows	139	137	2	139	-
Cliffe	752	700	52	752	-
Cobham	406	403	3	406	-
Cooling	53	53	-	53	-
Cuxton	326	318	8	326	-
Frindsbury	1673	1673	-	1673	-
Halling	730	730	-	729	1
Higham	904	892	12	904	-
High Halstow	271	271	-	270	1
Hoo	1169	1169	-	1167	2
Isle of Grain	253	250	3	253	-
Luddesdown	77	77	-	76	1
Meopham	1085	1082	3	1077	8
St. Mary Hoo	68	67	1	67	1
Shorne	620	615	5	616	4
Stoke	190	175	15	190	-
TOTALS	8716	8612	104	8698	18
Percentage of Totals		98.80%	1.19%	99.79%	.20%

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the Rural District but there are two operated as follows:-

One at Upnor by T/S. Arethusa which is operated by their own personnel.

One at Allhallows-on-Sea Estate Holiday caravan site which is operated commercially for the benefit of visitors to the site.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Domestic refuse throughout the district is collected weekly and is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundary of the City of Rochester. The refuse tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and crickets.

Cesspool and Pail Closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of four times per year.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows, and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke. A total of 275 houses have pail closets and 20 have privies.

SEWERAGE

The provision of public sewers to serve the more populated areas of the parishes of Cobham, Cuxton and Meopham are proceeding. When completed all the major villages, with the exception of Cliffe, will be provided with public sewers. It is considered that arrangements for sewerage of the Rural District will then be reasonably adequate but sewage disposal methods vary from discharge of crude sewage to full treatment at various works.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	139	137	2	-
Cliffe	752	704	44	4
Cobham	406	382	21	3
Cooling	53	44	9	-
Cuxton	326	309	17	-
Frindsbury	1673	1651	22	-
Halling	730	719	11	-
Higham	904	887	7	10
High Halstow	271	259	12	-
Hoo	1169	1139	30	-
Isle of Grain	253	236	17	-
Luddesdown	77	71	6	-
Meopham	1085	1065	20	-
St. Mary Hoo	68	50	17	1
Shorne	620	608	10	2
Stoke	190	160	30	-
TOTALS	8716	8421	275	20

Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.
Allhallows	139	121	18
Cliffe	752	8	744
Cobham	406	215	191
Cooling	53	-	53
Cuxton	326	168	158
Frindsbury	1673	1415	258
Halling	730	620	110
Higham	904	677	227
High Halstow	271	168	103
Hoo	1169	1034	135
Isle of Grain	253	206	47
Luddesdown	77	35	42
Meopham	1085	113	972
St. Mary Hoo	68	-	68
Shorne	620	348	272
Stoke	190	111	79
TOTALS	8716	5239	3477

HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 252 and by private enterprise 188 making a total of 440 new houses.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses in the district, as at December, 1960.

Allhallows	15	High Halstow	8
Cliffe	50	Hoo	88
Cobham	19	Isle of Grain	22
Cooling	4	Luddesdown	2
Cuxton	16	Meopham	50
Frindsbury Extra	118	St. Mary Hoo	-
Halling	33	Shorne	24
Higham	52	Stoke	27

FIVE YEAR SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

The position at the end of 1960 was as follows:-

(a)	Total No. of houses dealt with by Department	214
(b)	Total No. of houses demolished	144
(c)	Total No. of families rehoused	142
(d)	Total No. of occupied premises awaiting report	16
(e)	Total No. of unoccupied premises awaiting report	2
(f)	Total No. of families to be rehoused	31

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47

One case was dealt with during the year by the powers given under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. The report of the Deputy Medical Officer of Health is as follows:-

" My attention was drawn to the plight of this person by the family doctor. Although relatives live in the vicinity she resides alone and is visited by them from time to time - one calls to empty her toilet pail every few days. Her home is insanitary, full of filth and rags, infested by mice and swarming with flies. A cat is kept but not allowed out.

She has persistently refused help from all Social Services except the National Assistance Board, and is quite incapable of cleaning her home, and receives no help in this from her relatives. Her person is filthy and clothed in dirty rags. Suffering from a severe crippling disease she is incapable of standing or movement without assistance and as a result the natural bodily functions cannot be responded to in time to obviate repeated fouling.

Food is supplied by tradespeople who call at the door and she can feed herself quite well.

At night she sleeps by her fire which she can maintain with fuel.

She has been visited by the Consultant Geriatrician who considered her suitable for a Welfare Home but he was willing initially to take her into hospital for a few weeks. Mentally she is quite lucid. "

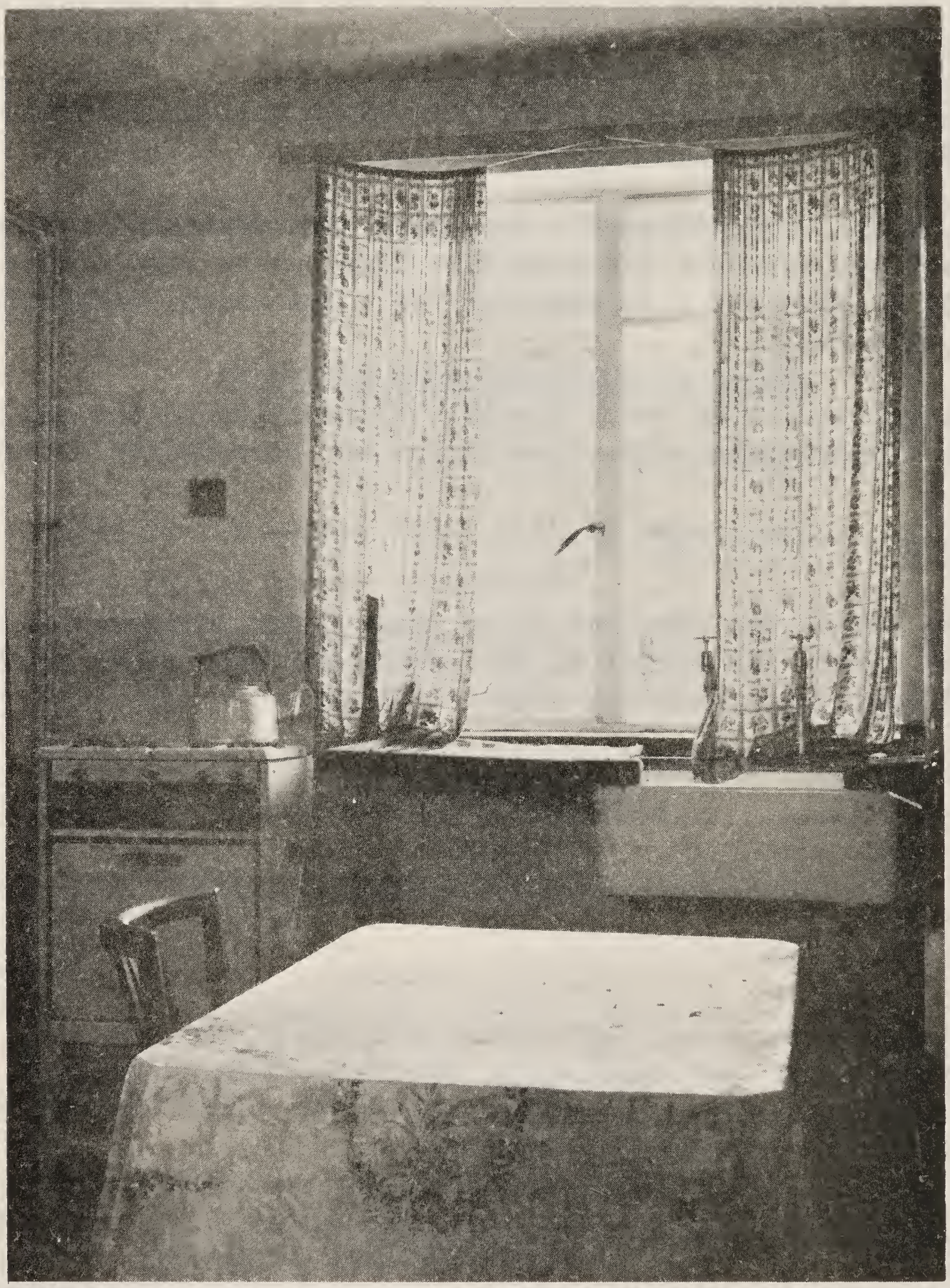
After exploring every possible alternative in the end it was inevitable that compulsory removal from her home had to be enforced.

Section 50

No action was required to be taken under this section of the Act which covers the burial of any person for whom other arrangements have not been, or cannot be, made.

LIVING CONDITIONS AFTER REHOUSING BY COUNCIL

COOKING AND WASHING FACILITIES



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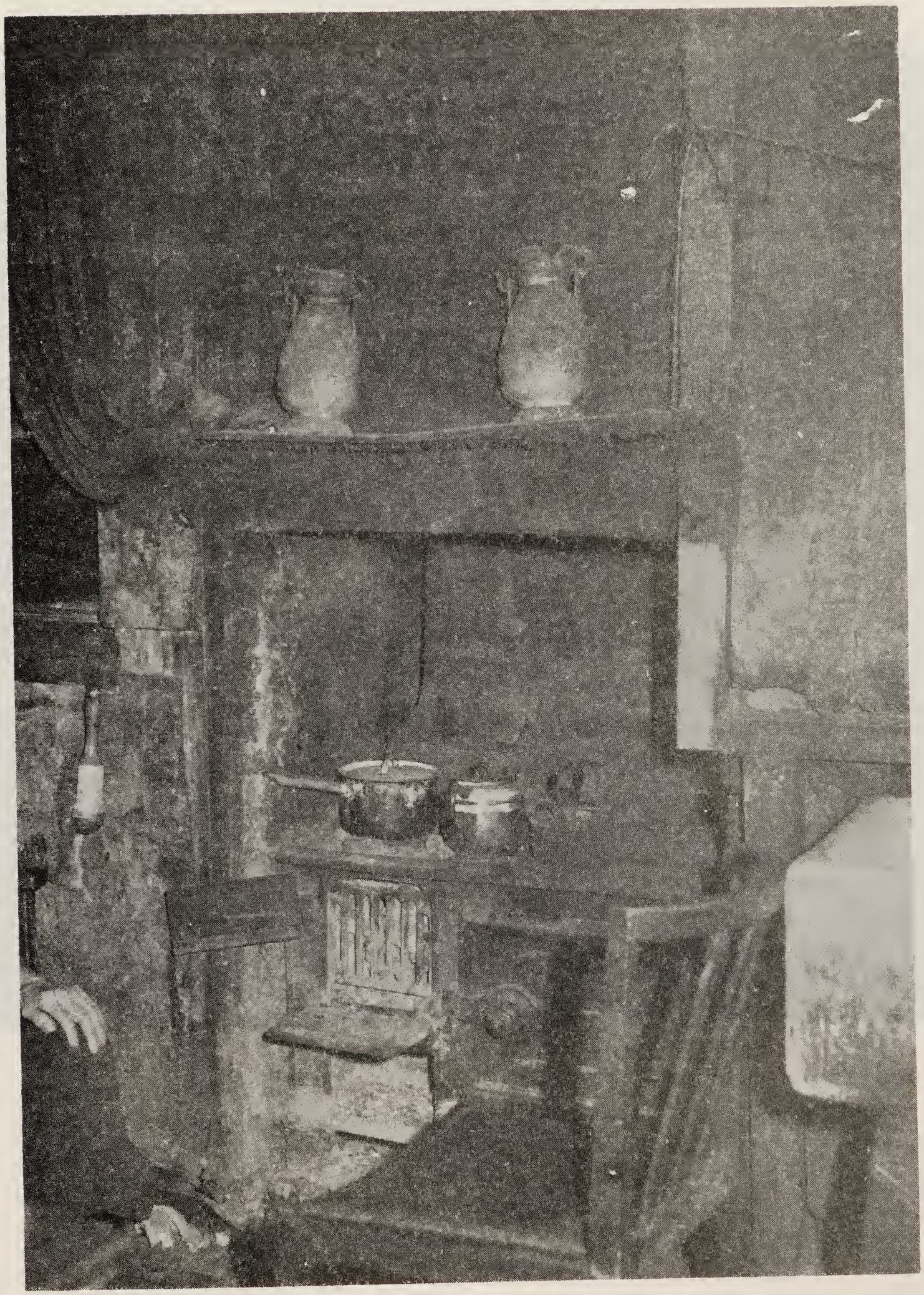

LIVING CONDITIONS AFTER REHOUSING BY COUNCIL

LIVING ROOM

LIVING CONDITIONS IN UNFIT PROPERTY

LIVING ROOM

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The work of the department during 1960 has been mainly of a routine nature and there are few matters on which to comment.

So far as the Rural District is concerned, the most important of new legislation was that of the Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act which came into force on the 29th August, 1960. There are two privately owned sites, one accommodating a maximum of 250, and one a maximum of 225, residential caravans, a smaller one with accommodation for 20 residential and 20 holiday caravans; several sites containing individual caravans, and a site owned by the District Council for 390 holiday caravans and 60 residential caravans.

A sub-committee was appointed in October to consider and report upon the Act and model standards as applied to the sites throughout the district. As a result many of the individual sites will be discontinued and the other sites required to be improved to a standard set by conditions attached to licences.

The Joint Committee formed in 1953 comprising members of Chatham, Rochester, Gillingham, and the District Council to consider the necessity or otherwise of providing a public slaughterhouse for the area held its final meeting during 1960 when the conclusions reached were that slaughtering facilities would be adequate in the area and surrounding region to satisfy the present and estimated future demand.

In August the report on slaughterhouse facilities was submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The date, 1st April, 1961, recommended in the report was accepted by the Minister for the coming into force of regulations in relation to the one private slaughterhouse within the Rural District.

With regard to atmospheric pollution, the District Council continued to maintain the five standard deposit and four sulphur dioxide gauges sited on the district on behalf of the Thames-side Joint Committee, of which the District Council are members.

Three of the standard deposit gauges are sited in the Parish of Halling where the problem of cement dust is most acute. The factory considered to be the major cause of the cement dust nuisance at Halling has three kilns operating, one of which was fitted with a multi-cell cyclonic type dust arrestor which was brought into operation in August, 1959. In spite of this the standard deposit gauge at North Halling showed a higher deposit for 1960 than the total for 1959. The other two kilns are to be fitted with similar type dust arrestors.

Your obedient Servant,

G. WILSON

Chief Public Health Inspector

CONFERENCES AND COURSES ATTENDED BY STAFF

Conference or Course	Place held	Dates	Attended by
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Scarborough	19th - 23rd September, 1960.	Chief Public Health Inspector
Clean Air	Harrogate	5th - 7th October, 1960.	Chief Public Health Inspector
Radio-Activity and Health Physics	Rochester	5th October to 7th December, 1960 one session weekly	Chief Public Health Inspector Additional Public Health Inspector

ICE-CREAM

Eighty-five premises are registered for the retail saleof ice-cream. There is no ice-cream manufactured on the district.

MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 21 retailers and 4 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 9 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

During the year 3 milk samples were taken, the results of the examination of the milk are shown on page 23.

Most of the retailers are small shop keepers who sell sterilised milk only and the small number of milk samples taken is accounted for by the fact that the milk is sampled at dairy by adjacent authorities.

	DESIGNATED MILK	ORDINARY MILK	HEAT TREATED
	TUBERCULIN TESTED		
NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN DURING YEAR	2	-	1
(a)(i) Number of samples of designated milk found to conform to the standards prescribed in the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.....	2	-	1
(ii) Number of samples of designated milk found on examination to have failed to conform to the standards prescribed.....	-	-	-
(b)(i) Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to have been produced in a cleanly manner.....		-	-
(ii) Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to be unsatisfactory.....		-	-
(c)(i) Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and yielding negative results.....		-	-
(ii) Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and showing positive results.....		-	-
(d) Number of samples of heat treated milk found on examination to have been efficiently pasteurised.....			1

No. of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected	223
No. of other premises inspected	718
No. of re-inspections	69
No. of nuisances found	52
No. of nuisances abated	33
No. of informal notices served	14
No. of notices complied with	5
No. of statutory notices served	-
No. of statutory notices complied with	-
No. of inspections to caravans	105
No. of visits - refuse disposal	7
No. of inquiries in cases of infectious diseases	65
No. of visits re: disinfection	8
No. of houses disinfected	1
No. of water samples taken	50

Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected	2
No. of re-inspections	5

The following work was carried out following inspection:-

EXTERNAL

Accumulation of refuse removed	3	Roofs repaired	2
Cesspools emptied	1	Walls repointed	1
Doors repaired	1	W.C. cisterns repaired	2
Downspouts repaired	1	W.C. flush pipes repaired	1
Drains cleared	3	W.C.'s provided	3
Drains repaired	1	Water supply pipes repaired	3
Gutters repaired	1	Wasp nests destroyed	59
Inspection covers repaired	1	Windows repaired	2
Infestations dealt with	3		

INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired	2	Sink waste pipes repaired	1
Doors repaired	1	Staircases repaired	1
Floors repaired	2	Walls repaired	1
Sashcords provided	5		

SITE OF GAUGES		RAIN IN INCHES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE			LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE
			Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	Total solids	Mg. of Sulphur Trioxide collected per day by 100 sq.cms. of batch 'A' Lead Peroxide
Cliffe	Jan.	1.69	6.21	10.21	16.41	1.35
	Feb.	1.51	9.13	12.17	21.30	1.29
	Mar.	1.07	9.93	6.94	16.87	0.64
	Apl.	0.53	15.31	9.67	24.98	0.85
	May	2.49	13.91	14.44	28.35	0.59
	June	1.61	18.67	12.97	31.64	0.45
	July	2.43	22.66	16.94	39.60	0.54
	Aug.	2.63	26.82	17.34	44.16	0.43
	Sept.	4.37	17.30	21.34	38.64	0.46
	Oct.	4.93	6.04	11.94	17.98	0.67
	Nov.	2.94	10.25	17.74	27.99	0.96
	Dec.	2.34	24.79	27.35	52.14	1.03
	Totals	28.54	181.02	179.05	360.06	
Frindsbury	Jan.	2.10	6.03	7.35	13.38	1.76
	Feb.	1.67	7.38	6.98	14.36	1.45
	Mar.	1.32	5.99	7.15	13.14	0.88
	Apl.	0.47	7.77	6.63	14.40	0.78
	May	2.50	8.63	9.23	17.86	0.68
	June	1.33	8.41	9.03	17.44	0.50
	July	2.61	10.30	11.48	21.78	0.49
	Aug.	3.98	10.03	11.61	21.64	0.47
	Sept.	4.05	8.00	10.60	18.61	0.79
	Oct.	4.77	5.38	10.40	15.79	1.15
	Nov.	3.43	13.47	17.72	31.19	1.22
	Dec.	2.84	14.49	17.45	31.94	1.42
	Totals	31.07	105.88	125.63	231.53	

SITE OF GAUGES		RAIN IN INCHES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE			LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE
			Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	Total solids	Mg. of Sulphur Trioxide collected per day by 100 sq. cms. of batch 'A' Lead Peroxide
North Halling	Jan.	2.29	19.20	24.81	44.01	1.06
	Feb.	1.95	30.58	17.41	47.99	0.77
	Mar.	1.57	9.92	15.34	25.26	0.64
	Apl.	0.52	19.65	12.29	31.94	0.59
	May	2.27	45.40	17.44	62.83	0.51
	June	1.12	27.32	15.44	42.76	0.38
	July	3.26	60.03	23.75	83.78	0.26
	Aug.	2.86	40.20	22.41	62.61	0.20
	Sept.	4.30	39.05	23.75	62.79	0.38
	Oct.	5.32	21.09	27.15	48.24	0.60
	Nov.	4.01	70.95	28.75	99.70	0.54
	Dec.	3.40	57.14	35.82	92.96	0.77
	Totals	32.87	440.53	264.36	704.87	
"Riverside" Halling	Jan.	-	-	-	-	-
	Feb.	-	-	-	-	-
	Mar.	-	-	-	-	-
	Apl.	-	-	-	-	-
	May	-	-	-	-	-
	June	1.09	26.85	17.01	43.86	-
	July	3.10	38.47	29.98	68.45	-
	Aug.	2.47	26.78	21.74	48.52	-
	Sept.	4.07	18.40	22.28	40.67	-
	Oct.	5.45	12.46	24.61	37.08	-
	Nov.	3.68	69.38	27.61	96.99	-
	Dec.	3.18	38.65	32.68	71.33	-
	Totals	23.04	230.99	175.91	406.90	

SITE OF GAUGES		RAIN IN INCHES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE			LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE Mg. of Sulphur Trioxide collected per day by 100 sq. cms. of batch 'A' Lead Peroxide
			Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	Total solids	
Vicarage Lane, Halling	Jan.	2.39	5.69	10.64	16.33	1.37
	Feb.	1.99	6.68	12.08	18.76	0.84
	Mar.	1.54	11.95	16.11	28.06	0.89
	Apl.	0.69	6.89	8.29	15.18	0.74
	May	2.36	13.68	13.99	27.67	0.59
	June	1.37	10.29	10.44	20.72	0.44
	July	3.69	5.60	12.28	17.89	0.22
	Aug.	3.08	8.76	16.24	25.01	0.21
	Sept.	4.04	9.53	16.18	25.71	0.58
	Oct.	5.66	13.58	22.55	36.13	0.56
	Nov.	4.26	5.69	13.63	19.32	0.69
	Dec.	3.57	8.50	13.89	22.39	1.03
	Totals	34.64	106.84	166.32	273.17	

HOUSING ACTS 1936 TO 1957

During the year the following action was taken under the Housing Acts:-

Demolition Orders.....	17 houses
Closing Orders.....	1 house
Undertakings not to use for human habitation.....	4 houses
Clearance Orders (2) comprising.....	13 houses

49 houses were demolished, 9 of which were not included in the 5- year Slum Clearance programme.

The number of occupied houses scheduled as unfit and remaining to be dealt with at the end of the year was as follows:-

Cliffe.....	4	Higham.....	2
Cuxton.....	5	Isle of Grain.....	1
Halling.....	3	Shorne.....	1

No. of houses inspected.....	54
No. of re-inspections.....	354
No. of houses inspected for overcrowding.....	1
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	12

RENT ACT, 1957

4 applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair following which 4 Certificates were issued.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 223 shops in the area and during the year 219 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness, and under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing day and closing hours.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

399 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to the slaughterhouse.

98 visits were made to the one licenced slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The table on page 30 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	156	-	5	343	414	-
Number inspected	156	-	5	343	414	-
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci:						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	21	-	-	2	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	13.46%	-	-	.58%	.72%	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	25	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	6.03%	-
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD CONDEMNED

Slaughterhouse

3	Bovine tongues	Actinomycosis
4	Bovine heads	Actinomycosis
1	Bovine pleura	Pleurisy
25	Bovine Livers	Distomatosis
4	Bovine livers	Abscesses
1	Bovine kidney	Inflammation
3	Pig tongues	Tuberculosis
3	Pig mesenteries	Tuberculosis
22	Pig heads	Tuberculosis
1	Pig liver	Degeneration
1	Pig kidney	Hydronephrosis
1	Pig heart	Pericarditis
1	Sheep liver	Cysts
1	Sheep liver	Distomatosis

Food shops

14-lbs.	Smoked cod fillets	Decomposed
30-lbs.	Mutton	Putrefied
24	Poultry	Putrefied
69-lbs.	Frozen lamb carcase and trimmings	Mould growth
53-lbs.	Part bullock carcase (Casualty)	Bruising

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

2,157 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of the 440 premises found to be infested the owners of 10 carried out disinfestation themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

Sewers were tested at Halling, Wainscott, Shorne, Higham, High Halstow, Stoke and Allhallows during March. All sewers were found to be clear of rat infestation with the exception of Allhallows where treatment was carried out. A further test taken in September showed the Allhallows sewer to be clear of rats.

Wasp nests

A total of 59 wasp nests were destroyed during the year.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 94 installations licenced to store petroleum-spirit during the year and the number of premises licenced to store carbide of calcium was 23.

52 inspections were made during the year.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - WELL WATER

Address of Pumping Station - Bush Road, Cuxton

Physical Characters Colour clear

Odour None pH 7.56

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	357
" " " After ignition.....	348
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine.....	21
Bicarbonate alkalinity (Temp. Hardness).....	245
Total hardness.....	292
Free and saline ammonia (as nitrogen).....	0.01
Albuminoid ammonia (as nitrogen).....	None
Nitric nitrogen (nitrates).....	8
Nitrous nitrogen(nitrites).....	None
Oxygen absorbed in ¼ hour at 26.7°C.....	0.11
" " " 4 hours at 26.7°C.....	0.23
Toxic metals.....	not detected
Free and combined residual chlorine on receipt.....	---

Bacteriological examination

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C.....	2 per ml.
(b) In three days at 22°C.....	9 per ml.
Presumptive coliform count.....	0 per 100 ml.
Including faecal coli.....	0 per 100 ml.

OPINION

The sample is fit for drinking.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - WELL WATER

Address of Pumping Station - Crutches Lane, Higham

Physical Characters Colour clear

Odour None

pH 7.58

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	398
" " " After ignition.....	396
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine.....	28
Bicarbonate alkalinity (Temp. Hardness).....	270
Total hardness.....	336
Free and saline ammonia (as nitrogen).....	0.01
Albuminoid ammonia (as nitrogen).....	0.03
Nitric nitrogen (nitrates).....	5
Nitrous nitrogen (nitrites).....	Trace
Oxygen absorbed in ¼ hour at 26.7°C.....	0.04
" " " 4 hours at 26.7°C.....	0.12
Toxic metals.....	not detected
Free and combined residual chlorine on receipt.....	---

Bacteriological examination

Number of colonies developing upon Agar		
(a) In 24 hours at 37°C.....	6	per ml.
(b) In three days at 22°.....	27	per ml.
Presumptive coliform count.....	0	per 100 ml.
Including faecal coli.....	0	per 100 ml.

OPINION

The sample is fit for drinking.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - WELL WATER

Address of Pumping Station - School Lane, Higham

Physical Characters Colour clear

Odour None

pH 7.63

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	---
Solids In Solution (Dried at 180°C)	482
" " " After ignition	474
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine	52
Bicarbonate alkalinity (Temp. Hardness)	240
Total hardness	372
Free and saline ammonia (as nitrogen)	None
Albuminoid ammonia (as nitrogen)	None
Nitric nitrogen (nitrates)	5
Nitrous nitrogen (nitrites)	None
Oxygen absorbed in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at 26.7°C	0.07
" " " 4 hours at 26.7°C	0.20
Toxic metals	not detected
Free and combined residual chlorine on receipt	---

Bacteriological examination

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C	1 per ml.
(b) In three days at 22°C	5 per ml.
Presumptive coliform count	0 per 100 ml.
Including faecal coli	0 per 100 ml.

OPINION

The sample is fit for drinking.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - WELL WATER

Address of Pumping Station - Oakenden Road, Luddesdown

Physical Characters Colour clear

Odour None

pH 7.78

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C).....	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C).....	301
" " " After ignition.....	299
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine.....	18
Bicarbonate Alkalinity (Temp. Hardness).....	225
Total Hardness.....	256
Free and Saline Ammonia (as nitrogen).....	None
Albuminoid Ammonia (as nitrogen).....	None
Nitric Nitrogen (nitrates).....	5
Nitrous Nitrogen (nitrites).....	None
Oxygen absorbed in ¼ hour at 26.7°C.....	0.03
" " " 4 hours at 26.7°C.....	0.07
Toxic metals.....	not detected
Free and combined residual Chlorine on receipt.....	---

Bacteriological Examination

Number of Colonies developing upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C.....	0 per ml.
(b) In three days at 22°C.....	3 per ml.
Presumptive coliform count.....	0 per 100 ml.
Including faecal coli.....	0 per 100 ml.

OPINION

The sample is fit for drinking.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - WELL WATER

Address of Pumping Station - Vicarage Road, Halling

Physical Characters Colour clear

Odour None

pH 7.81

Deposit None

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	---
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C)	274
" " " After ignition	268
Chlorides calculated as Chlorine	19
Bicarbonate alkalinity (Temp. Hardness)	185
Total hardness	240
Free and saline ammonia (as nitrogen)	None
Albuminoid ammonia (as nitrogen)	0.01
Nitric nitrogen (nitrates)	2
Nitrous nitrogen (nitrites)	None
Oxygen absorbed in ¼ hour at 26.7°C	0.05
" " " 4 hours at 26.7°C	0.14
Toxic metals	not detected
Free and combined residual chlorine on receipt	---

Bacteriological examination

Number of colonies developing upon Agar

(a) In 24 hours at 37°C	5 per ml.
(b) In three days at 22°C	14 per ml.
Presumptive coliform count	0 per 100 ml.
Including faecal coli	0 per 100 ml.

OPINION

The sample is fit for drinking.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	5	5	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	49	45	0	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....	17	27	0	0
TOTALS	71	77	0	0

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature.. (S.3.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.).....	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)..... (a) Insufficient.....	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS.....	1	1	0	0	0

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Out work

(Sections 110 and 111)

	SECTION 110			SECTION 111		
Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu-ions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel)Making) etc.)Cleaning) and)Washing	25	0	0	0	0	0

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT during the year ended 31st December, 1960.

Article	No.	Article	No.
Bismuth Dyspepsia Lozenges	1	B/Fd	32
Bitter Beer	2	Mandarin Oranges	1
Butter	2	Marmalade	1
Butter Madeira Cake	1	Meat Paste	1
Castor Oil	2	Medicated First Aid Dressing	1
Catarrh and Bronchial Syrup	1	Menthol and Eucalyptus	1
Cheddar Cheese	2	Milk Beer	1
Cookeen	1	Milk	41
Cornish Ice Cream	1	Mincemeat	1
Cough and Cold Mixture	1	Mixed Fruit Jam	1
Dairy Cream Sponge Sandwich	1	Orange Drink	2
Date and Honey Cake with Butter	1	Otto Roses	1
Double Cream	1	Oxtail Soup	1
Dripping	1	Pickling Spice	1
Egg Fillip	1	Potted Salmon	1
English Sage	2	Prunes	1
Evaporated Milk	1	Rice	1
Gee's Linctus B.P.C.	1	Rum	1
Gin	3	Seven-in-one Rubbing Oils	1
Gooseberry Jam	1	Strawberry Mousse	1
Grapefruit Segments	1	Sunfresh Slices	1
Ham Sandwich	1	Sultanas	1
Lemons	1	Sweetened Garden Mint	1
Life Cereal	1	Vinegar	1
Lolly Zero	1	Whisky	2
C/Fwd.	32	Total	98

SUMMARY

Milks	41
Drugs	9
Spirits	6
Other samples	42
	98

Food sampling - continued

All of the samples shown on page 41 were genuine with the exception of the following:-

Sample of	Analysis	Action taken
Orange Drink	On the inside of the bottle there is a stain of approximately 3 square cms. caused by the presence of mould.	This complaint was brought to the notice of the Department by the Public Health Inspector. The maker of the orange drink was interviewed and the bottle washing plant was inspected.
Orange Drink	On the inside of the bottle there are a number of small dark stains due to mould growth.	A written caution was issued.
Castor Oil	Acid value 2.9 which is over B.P. limits of 2.0; otherwise complies.	Stock withdrawn from sale.

PERSONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE AREA OF STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Details supplied by courtesy of the County Medical Officer, Kent County Council and Secretary of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee)

PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife, and for the provision of sitting-case transport a certificate from a doctor is necessary. The request must be made by a medical practitioner.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay to the appropriate ambulance station which in this area is at Star Mill Lane, Chatham.

Ambulance stations in the area:-

	Telephone No:
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Gillingham 52201/2
Harden Memorial Hall, Hall Road, Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth, to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics. Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Strood	-	K.C.C. Clinic, 13, Gun Lane, Strood.	Thursday mornings
Gravesend	-	Welfare Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend.	Thursday afternoons
Gravesend	-	Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	Tuesday afternoons
Gravesend	-	107, Rochester Road, Denton, Gravesend.	1st and 3rd Friday afternoons

TUBERCULOSIS, SCHOOL CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS AND VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

1. Tuberculosis

13, New Road, Rochester.	-	Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Telephone No:-	-	Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon
Chatham 42182		
Gravesend & North Kent Hospital.	-	Wednesday - General clinic Thursday morning refill clinic
Telephone No:-	-	Saturday morning 9 - 11 a.m. (children only)
Gravesend 7812		

2. School Clinics

Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.	-	Every Friday afternoon
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	Every Wednesday afternoon
Welfare Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend.	-	Wednesday and Friday mornings 9 - 10 a.m.
Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	-	Every Tuesday morning 9 - 10 a.m.

3. Dental (children attend by appointment except in emergencies)

Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.	-	Monday to Friday	
Manor Road, Gravesend.	-	Mondays	9 - 10.30 a.m.
	-	Tuesdays	All day
	-	Wednesdays	All day
	-	Thursdays	All day
	-	Fridays	9 - 10.30 a.m.
West Kent House, Station Road, Northfleet.	-	By appointment	

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.

4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child Guidance		Telephone No:-
118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	Chatham 42098

4. Specialist - continued

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	Every Monday - all day
	-	Every Friday morning
Gravesend Hospital, Gravesend.	-	Monday and Thursday afternoons
	-	Tuesday mornings

Speech defects

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.	-	Every Tuesday and Wednesday all day
107, Rochester Road, Denton, Gravesend.	-	Every Thursday
Byron Road School Annexe, Marlborough Road, Gillingham.	-	Monday to Friday
	-	(closed temporarily)

Venereal diseases

36, New Road, Rochester.	-	Mondays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Telephone No:-	-	Thursdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Chatham 43343.		
22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.	-	Men Tuesdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	-	Saturdays 9 - 9.45 a.m.
Telephone No:-	-	Women Tuesdays 1 - 2 p.m.
	-	Saturdays 9 - 9.45 a.m.
Gravesend 1061.		

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open at the day and times set out for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods, national dried milk and vitamin products may be obtained at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Child Welfare Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	-	The Black Bull	Tuesday afternoons
Cobham	-	The Meadow Rooms, The Street.	2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons
Cuxton	-	Social Club & Workingmens Institute, Bush Road	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons
Frindsbury Extra	-	Workingsmens Institute, Wainscott	Thursday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m.
Halling	-	Church Hall, Vicarage Road	1st and 3rd Friday afternoons
Harvel Meopham	-	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons
Higham	-	Village Memorial Hall, School Lane	2nd and 4th Friday afternoons
High Halstow	-	Church School Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons
Hoo	-	Five Bells Inn	Wednesday afternoons
Isle of Grain	-	New Village Hall	1st and 3rd Friday afternoons
Meopham	-	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons
Shorne	-	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons
Stoke	-	British Legion Hall	2nd and 4th Friday afternoons
Strood	-	Gun Lane	Tuesday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m. Friday mornings 10 a.m. - 12 noon

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS:

The following are main distribution centres adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

District Office,	Gun Lane, Strood.
District Office,	Arthur Street, Gravesend.
Elm House,	New Road Avenue, Chatham.

Welfare foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on page 48.

DISTRICT OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Mental Welfare Officers under the Mental Health Act, 1959.

2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.

3. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-

   (a) dealing with applications for admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons for residential establishments other than in cases of sickness;

   (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property;

   (c) welfare of handicapped persons;

   (d) distribution of welfare foods.

District Officers and Assistants:-

Rochester -

Office:-	13, Gun Lane, Strood.	Telephone No:- Strood 7451
Officer:-	Mr. C.H. Hurdman, 4, City Way, Rochester.	Telephone No:- Chatham 42681

District Officers and Assistants - continued

Rochester -

Assistant Officer:-	Mr. E. Farrell, 20, Bramble Tree Crescent, Borstal, Rochester.	Telephone No:- Chatham 41082

Gravesend -

Office:-	Arthur Street, Gravesend.	Telephone No:- Gravesend 166
Officer:-	Mr. B.T. Fleming, 36, Harmer Street, Gravesend.	Telephone No:- Gravesend 6668
Assistant Officer:-	Mr. W.G.M. Hastings, 31, Tower Road, Dartford.	Telephone No:- Dartford 5153

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the District Officer (see page 49 and above). An assistant Mental Health Officer, Mr. F. Dutton is attached to the District Offices and makes domiciliary visits to give advice and information regarding the care of subnormal and severely subnormal persons.

Training Centre

A Training Centre for severely subnormal persons is established at:-

Darnley Road, Strood.

Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

A Home Teacher for subnormal and severely subnormal persons is also available in the area.

All enquiries regarding the Training Centre and Home Teaching should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council is to secure an adequate number of midwives available for attending women in their own home, either as midwives or maternity nurses.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Cliffe Cooling	Mrs. T.M. Morris, 5, Irvine Terrace, Cliffe.	Telephone No: Cliffe 223
Frindsbury Extra Wainscott only	Miss E.L. Cloude, 39, Gill Avenue, Wainscott, Frindsbury.	Telephone No: Strood 78556
Higham Frindsbury Extra less Upnor and Wainscott	Mrs. T. Peoples, 36, Chilton Drive, Higham.	Telephone No: Shorne 309
Cuxton Halling	Mrs. E.T.D. Carter, Forge House, Bush Road, Cuxton.	Telephone No: Cobham 274
Frindsbury Extra Upnor only	Miss E.K. Wright, 22, Powlett Road, Strood.	Telephone No: Strood 7557
Allhallows High Halstow Isle of Grain St. Mary Hoo Stoke	Post vacant - district covered by Group Relief.	
Hoo	Miss M.A. Webb, 11, St. Werburgh Crescent, Hoo.	Telephone No: Hoo 266
Cobham Luddesdown Shorne	Miss E.M. Hudson, 1, Lawrence Drive, Cobham	Telephone No: Cobham 328
Meopham	Mrs. Jordan, "Elmcroft", Meopham Green, Meopham	Telephone No: Meopham 2329

Group relief for Hoo, Stoke and Wainscott -

Mrs. T.M. Morris, 5, Irvine Terrace, Cliffe.	Telephone No: Cliffe 223

HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free, is to secure the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cliffe Cooling Frindsbury Extra - Wainscott only	Mrs. T.M. Morris, 5, Irvine Terrace, Cliffe.	Telephone No: Cliffe 223
Higham Frindsbury Extra - less Upnor and Wainscott	Mrs. T. Peoples, 36, Chilton Drive, Higham.	Telephone No: Shorne 309
Frindsbury Extra - Upnor only	Mrs. S.M. Whale, 36, Woodstock Road, Strood.	Telephone No. Strood 7512
Cuxton Halling	Mrs. M.G. Skinner, 1, Montgomery Cottages, Upper Halling, Halling.	Telephone No: Snodland 461
Allhallows High Halstow Isle of Grain St. Mary Hoo Stoke	Post vacant - district covered by Group Relief	
Hoo	Miss M.A. Webb, 11, St. Werburgh Crescent, Hoo.	Telephone No: Hoo 266

Home Nursing Service - continued

Cobham Luddesdown Shorne	)	Miss E.M. Hudson, 1, Lawrence Drive, Cobham	Telephone No: Cobham 328
Meopham	)	Mrs. Jordan, "Elmcroft", Meopham Green, Meopham.	Telephone No: Meopham 2329

Group relief for Hoo and Stoke -

Mrs. T.M. Morris, 5, Irvine Terrace, Cliffe.	Telephone No: Cliffe 223

Group relief for Cuxton and Halling -

Mrs. K.M. Troddyn, 31, Leybourne Road, Strood.	Telephone No: Strood 7596

DOMESTIC HELP AND NIGHT ATTENDANCE SERVICE FOR OLD PEOPLE

The domestic help service is to provide domestic help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age.

The evening and night attendance service is provided for people who are suffering from illness in their own homes and who should not be left alone at night. The Service would not normally be provided where relatives or friends are available but limited service may be provided to relieve relatives who are being deprived of sleep.

Householders are required to contribute towards the costs in accordance with their means.

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood (Miss Coffey, Telephone No. Strood 7604), with the exception of residents in the Parishes of Cobham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne who should apply to Miss Cook, District Office, Gravesend, Telephone No. Number Gravesend 166.)

FAMILY HELP SERVICE

This service is restricted to families of two or more children where application has been made to the Children's Committee for the children to be taken into care during the temporary absence of the mother, and the service is limited to an initial period of not more than three months. Information regarding this service can be obtained from the Domestic Help Organiser.

CHILD HELP SERVICE

The object of this scheme is to raise the standard of living of problem families, to improve the standard of child care, and to keep the family together and prevent its break-up. These families are dealt with by an extension of the Domestic Help Service, and help is provided on the recommendation of the Health Visitor if the parents concerned agree to accept the service.

HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

Health Visitors for Strood Rural District

Cliffe Cobham Cooling Higham Luddesdown	Miss M.G.F. White, The Nest, 107, Rochester Road, Gravesend.	Telephone No: Gravesend 5966
Allhallows High Halstow Isle of Grain St. Mary Hoo Stoke	Mrs. I. Williams, 141, Hollywood Lane, Wainscott, Frindsbury Extra.	Telephone No: Strood 78459

Health Visitors - continued

Cuxton Frindsbury Extra Halling	Miss G. Thornton, 1, Mote House, Castle Hill, Rochester.	Telephone No: Chatham 41841
Meopham	Mrs. E. Mathias, 8, Willow Wood Road, Culverstone Meopham.	Telephone No: Fairseat 242
Shorne	Miss C. James The Nest, 107, Rochester Road, Gravesend.	Telephone No: Gravesend 5966
Chattenden Hoo	Miss J.M. Williams, 2, Victoria Street, Rochester.	Telephone No: Chatham 42779

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS AND IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING-COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus. These services are also available at child welfare centres during the normal child welfare sessions. Evening sessions for polio' vaccination are held in the area monthly.

Vaccine lymph is supplied by the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone (Maidstone 7239).

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis, diphtheria/tetanus, and diphtheria prophylactic by itself, is supplied by the Health Department, County Hall, Maidstone (Maidstone 4321 Ext. 257).

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. The full range of nursing requisites will be available, and details of addresses and times the depots are open for distribution are shown below. These arrangements are in addition to the loan cupboards kept by the District Nurses. The depots deal with all applications for the loan of nursing requisites.

Medical Loan Depots

Rochester	-	British Red Cross Society, 67, High Street, Rochester. daily from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Telephone No: Chatham 42997
	-	St. John, 171, Maidstone Road, Rochester, daily (day or night), Mr. E.H. Love.	Telephone No: Chatham 43572
Gravesend	-	British Red Cross Society, Headquarters, 36, Pelham Road, Gravesend.	

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the District Officer (see pages 49 and 50) who will make the necessary arrangements for their provision.

CHIROPODY

Chiropody for the Physically Handicapped, old people, and expectant mothers at Wayfield Road Clinic, Chatham each Wednesday, by appointment.

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

Local Office:-	Chatham Local Office, 240, High Street, Rochester.	Telephone No: Chatham 44621
	Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	Telephone No: Gravesend 4811

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Local Office	5, Castle Hill, Rochester.	Telephone No: Chatham 42237

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospitals providing services normally available to medical practitioners for residents within the Strood Rural District are as follows:-

All Saints' Hospital, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham (Telephone 41212-5)

Medical, Surgical, Maternity, Gynaecology, E.N.T., Paediatric, Infectious Diseases, Geriatric and Mental.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Physical Medicine, Orthopaedic and Consultant Dentistry.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, New Road, Rochester (Telephone Chatham 41511-4)

Medical, Surgical Orthopaedic and Paediatric.

Outpatient facilities are also available in the following specialities:-

Dermatology, Neurology, Physical Medicine, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Radiotherapy, Consultant Dentistry and Pschiatry.

St. William's Hospital, St. William's Way, Rochester (Telephone Chatham 43243)

Post operative and Radiotherapy.

Keycol Hill Hospital, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne (Telephone Newington 222)

Infectious diseases.

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River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford (Telephone Dartford 3231)

Infectious diseases.

Milton Regis Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne (Telephone 3168)

Geriatric (longer-stay units).

St. James' Hospital, Trafalgar Road, Gravesend (Telephone 139)

Geriatric (longer-stay units).